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Washington State Department of Agriculture has a new Web site address

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) has a new Web site address as of today at <http://agr.wa.gov>. With the move, WSDA's Web site is more reliable, compatible with more Web browsers, and more user-friendly.

WSDA is increasingly using the Internet to make information more available to the public and those who are regulated or served by its many programs. The agency posts lists of licensees, makes forms available to the public, and publishes information on the Web regarding current topics related to agriculture. Following are addresses for some of the more popular pages on WSDA's Web site:

List of licensed structural pest inspectors (agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/ListStructuralPestInspectors.htm)

Animal health forms and permits (agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/AnimalHealth/Forms.htm)

Materials approved for organic food production (agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Organic/MaterialsLists.htm)

Information on heavy metals content of fertilizers (agr.wa.gov/PestFert/Fertilizers/Metals.htm)

Waste pesticide collection program (agr.wa.gov/PestFert/EnvResources/WastePesticide.htm)

Current topics such as BSE or "mad cow disease" (agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/AnimalFeed/BSE.htm)

Agriculture-related links and resources (agr.wa.gov/Links/default.htm)

Employment opportunities (agr.wa.gov/Employment/default.htm)

Licensed private pesticide applicators (agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/ListPrivateApplicators.htm)

Information to protect ag producers, buyers and sellers (agr.wa.gov/Inspection/CommissionMerchants/default.htm)

From the Heart of Washington campaign (www.heartofwashington.com/)

News about the agency (agr.wa.gov/News/2003/default.htm)

WSDA carries out about 25 programs that support the agricultural community and promote consumer and environmental protection. With staff located across the state, agency divisions protect the state's food supply, regulate pesticides and fertilizers, and inspect and grade fruits, vegetables, grains and other crops. The agency also works to prevent the introduction of pests or diseases that threaten crops or the environment, manages animal health programs, and supports state efforts to market agricultural commodities and food products.

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